formulations is fixed at 16%. Therefore, the Sales promotion expenses are included in MAPE and therefore are restricted within the limits of MAPE.

However, the prices of non-Scheduled medicines are fixed by the manufactures themselves keeping in view various factors like cost of production, marketing/selling expenses, R&D expenses, trade commission, market competition, production innovation, product quality etc. Sales promotion expenses for these products by the pharma companies are based on their corporate decisions. In such cases there is no specified limits for Sales Promotion expenses by the Government.

No data is maintained regarding promotional expenditure of Pharma companies.

Allegations against DPLRC

2612. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Drug Prices Liability Review Committee (DPLRC) has been acting in an arbitrary manner and notices have been sent only to Indian Companies and large MNCs have been left out;

(b) the details of the notices issued, names of the companies and the amount involved;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 26 cases are still pending with DPLRC;

(d) the reasons for the same; and

(e) the names of the companies and the amount involved?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No Sir. Notices have been sent by Drug Prices Liabilities Review Committee (DPLRC) both to the Indian companies as well as MNCs.

(b) DPLRC have issued notices in 72 cases involving 71 companies (one case merged with another) for representation/submission from these companies against the liabilities communicated by the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals. The names of the companies to whom notices were issued by the DPLRC are given in Statement (*see* below). The approximate amount involved in these notices is Rs. 230.40 crore.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In pursurance of Order dated 16.5.2005 of the Hon'ble Madhya Pradesh High Court, Indore Bench, one case pertaining to M/s. Ethico Drugs and Chemicals Manufacturing Co. Ltd., is at present under examination of the committee. The DPLRC could not take up the remaining 25 cases because of the Interim Stay dated 30.6.1997 granted by the Hon'ble Bombay High Court in Writ Petition No. 2368/1996 filed by Indian Drug Manufacturers' Associaiton (IDMA) and others.

(e) The names of the 26 companies whose cases are pending with DPLRC are given in Annexure-II. The tentative amount involved in cases is Rs. 50.20 crore.

Statement I

List of 72 cases involving 71 companies to whom notices have been sent by dplrc

Sl. No.	Name of the company	Name of the Bulk drug
1	2	3
1.	M/s. Cyanamid India Ltd (Now M/s. Wyeth Ltd.)	Dimethyl Tetracycline & Formulations
2.	M/s. John Wyeth & Geoffrey Manners (Now Wyeth Ltd.)	Bezathin Penicillin G & formulations
3.	M/s. Anil Starch Products	Dextrose Anhydrous
4.	M/s. S.G. Pharmaceuticals (M/s Ambalal Sarabhai Enterprises Ltd.)	Oxyphenbutazone
5.	M/s. Merind Ltd.	Dexamethasone
6.	M/s. Hoechst India Ltd. (Hoechst Marrion Roussel Ltd.)	Baralgan Ketone etc.
7.	M/s. Franco India Pharma & M/s. Griffon Labs	Phenoxy-methyl Penicillin Penivaral Tab. Etc.

1	2	3
8.	M/s. Parke Davis (India) Ltd.	Isokin Tab & Liquid
9.	M/s. Wallace Pharma Ltd.	Rifampicin
10.	M/s. Biochem Pharmaceutical Industries	Rifampicin
11.	M/s. Lupin Laboratories Ltd.	Rifampicin
12.	M/s. Astra IDL Ltd.	Rifampicin
13.	M/s. Ethico Drugs & Chemicals Mfg. Co. Pvt. Ltd.	Rifampicin
14.	M/s. Rhone Poulenc (India) Ltd.	Metronidazole
15.	M/s. Unique Pharmaceutical Laboratories Ltd.	Oxphenabutazone
16.	M/s. Ambalal Sarabhai Enterprises Ltd.	Amoxycillin Trihydrate
17.	M/s. Wyeth Laboratories Ltd.	Dexamethasone
18.	M/s. Biddle Sawyers Ltd.	Salbutamol Sulphate
19.	M/s. Alembic Chemicals Works	Ampicillin Trihydrate
20.	M/s. CIPLA Ltd.	Amoxycillin Trihydrate
21.	M/s. Pharmed Pvt. Ltd.	Rifampicin
22.	M/s. Dey's Medical Stores (Mfg.) Ltd.	Trimethoprim & Sulphamethoxazole
23.	M/s. Parke-Davis (India) Ltd.	Choramphenicol Powder
24.	M/s. Pharmaceuticals Co. India	Ampicillin Trihydrate
25.	M/s. Gufic Limited	Amoxycillin Trihydrate
26.	M/s. Dey's Medical Stores (Mfg.) Ltd.	Chloramphenicol Powder & Palmitate
27.	M/s. Lyka Labs. Ltd.	Ampicillin Trihydrate

1	2	3
28.	M/s. Unique Pharmaceuticals Labs.	Metronidazole
29.	M/s. Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd.	Ampicillin Trihydrate
30.	M/s. CIPLA Ltd.	Sulphamethonazole & Trimethoprim
31.	M/s. Lyka Labs. Ltd.	Rifampicin
32.	M/s. Bayer (India) Ltd.	Chloroquin Phosphate
33.*	M/s. Lyka Labs Ltd.	Ethambutol
34.	M/s. Boehringer Mannhein (I) Ltd.	Englucon Tablets
35.	M/s. Pharmaceutical & Chemicals (India) Ltd.	Gentamycin Sulphate
36.	M/s. Yash Pharma Lab. Pvt. Ltd.	Ethambutol
37.	M/s. P.C.I. Pharma	Ethambutol
38.	M/s. Unichem Labs. Ltd.	Metronidazole
39.	M/s. Pharmaceutical Co. of India	Amoxycillin Trihydrate
40.	M/s. Dey's Medical Stores (Mfg.) Ltd.	Ampcillin Trihydrate
41.	M/s. John Wyeth (India) Ltd.	Amoxycillin Trihydrate
42.	M/s. Dolphin Labs. Ltd.	Amoxycillin Trihydrate
43.	M/s. Astra-IDL Labs. Labs	Ibuprofen
44.	M/s. Cadila Chemical Pvt. Ltd.	Trimethoprim Sulphamethoxazole
45.	M/s. Ranbaxy Labs. Ltd.	Rifampicin
46.	M/s. U.S. Vitamin (I) Ltd.	Doxycycline
47.	M/s. Themis Chemicials Ltd.	Rifampicin
48.	M/s. Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals India	Rifampicin
49.	M/s. Pfizer Limited	Protinex Formulations

1	2	3
50.	M/s. Dolphin Labs. Ltd.	Trimethoprim & Sulphamethoxazole
51.	M/s. Dey's Medical Str. Mfg. Ltd.	Chlorophenicol
52.	M/s. Themis Chemicals Ltd.	Trimethoprim & Sulphamethoxazole
53.	M/s. CIPLA	Metronidazole
54.	M/s. Standard Pharmaceuticals	Gentamycin Sulphate
55.	M/s. Alembic Chemicals Works	Rifampicin
56.	M/s. Biochem Pharmaceuticals Industries.	Gentamycin sulphate
57.	M/s. Parke Devies (India) Ltd.	Multi vitamins
58.	M/s. Roussel Pharmaceuticals (I) Ltd.	Dexamethasone
59.	M/s. Lyka Labs. Ltd.	Amonycillin Trihydrate
60.*	M/s. Lyka Labs. Ltd.	Ethambutol
61.	M/s. Knoll Pharmaceutical (Boots)	Ibuprofen
62.	M/s. Biochem Pharmaceuticals Industries	Ampicillin Tryhydrate
63.	M/s. Themis Chemicals Ltd.	Ethambutol
64.	M/s. Infar (India) Ltd.	Dexatopic Cream
65.	M/s. Lyka Labs.	Fluocinolone Accetonipe
66.	M/s. Dolphin Laboratories Ltd.	Metranidazole
67.	M/s. Khandelwal Labs Ltd.	Amoxycillin Trihydrate
68.	M/s. Aristo Pharmaceutical Ltd.	Doxycycline
69.	M/s. Nicholas Piramal Industries	Gentamycin Sulphate
70.	M/s. Tamil Nadu Dadha Pharmaceuticals	Calcium Lactate
71.	M/s. Cadila Labs Ltd.	Dexamethasone
72.	M/s. Burroughs Wellcome (I) Ltd.	Piprazine

* Cases merged with each other

Statement II

Names of the companies whose cases are pending with DPLRC

Sl. No.	Name of the company	Name of the Bulk drug
1	2	3
1.	M/s. Hoechst (I) Ltd. (Now Hoechst Marrion Roussel Ltd.)	Baralgan Ketone etc.
2.	M/s. Ethico Drugs and Chemicals Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	Rifampicin
3.	M/s. Rhone Poulenc Ltd.	Metronidazole
4.	M/s. Alembic Chemicals Works	Ampicillin Trihydrate
5.	M/s. Cipla Ltd.	Amoxycillin Trihydrate
6.	M/s. Dey's Medical Stores (Mfg) Ltd.	Trimethoprim & Sulphamethoxazole
7.	M/s. Parke Devis (I) Ltd.	Chloramphenicol Powder
8.	M/s. Dey's Medical Stores (Mfg) Ltd.	Chloramphenicol Powder Palmitate
9.	M/s. Cipla Ltd.	Sulphamethoxazole & Trimethoprim
10.	M/s. Unichem Labs Ltd.	Metronidazole
11.	M/s. Dey's Medical Stores (Mfg) Ltd.	Ampicilin Trihydrate
12.	M/s. John Wyeth (I) Ltd.	Amoxycillin Trihydrate
13.	M/s. Cadila Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.	Trimethoprim Sulphamethoxazole
14.	M/s. Pfizer Ltd.	Protinex formulations
15.	M/s. Dey's Medical Stores (Mfg) Ltd.	Chloramphenicol & Palmitate

1	2	3
16.	M/s. Themis Chemical Ltd.	Trimethoprim Sulphamethoxazole
17.	M/s. Parke Davis (I) Ltd.	Multi Vitamins
18.	M/s. Biochem Pharma Industries Ltd.	Ampicilin Trihydrate
19.	M/s. Infar (India) Ltd.	Dexatorpic cream
20.	M/s. Khandelwal Labs Ltd.	Amoxycillin Trihydrate
21.	M/s. Aristo Pharmaceutical Ltd.	Doxycycline
22.	M/s. Nicholas Piramal Industries Ltd.	Gentamycin
23.	M/s. Cadila Labs Ltd.	Dexamethasone
24.	M/s. Burroughs Wellcome (I) Ltd.	Piperazine
25.	M/s. Biochem Pharmaceuticals	Gentamycin Sulphate
26.	M/s. Russel Pharmaceuticals (I) Ltd.	Dexamethasone

Prices of essential drugs

2613: SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government in consultation with the major pharmaceutical MNCs have lately taken any effective steps and evolved a policy to bring down the prices of essential drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the policy so evolved; and

(c) the steps taken in the direction and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) The present pricing policy of the government is being implemented by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) under the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 and the guidelines evolved by it from time to time.

Subsequently, a Task Force under the Chairmanship of Dr. Pronab Sen, Principal Advisor, Planning Commission was constituted to explore options